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1. Every two months, with the cooperation of the entire population, general anti-aircraft exercises take place in Borongaj near Zagreb. Anti-aircraft defense courses are held regularly at Zagreb under the leadership of the Zagreb garrison command. The courses were activated through the initiative of the Yugoslav Red Cross, the Narodna Tehnika (Popular Engineering) and the PAZ (anti-aircraft Defense). The VVV or para-military Educations establishment likewise takes part in the training. In cases where the individual male is not acceptable for military service, a woman is appointed to attend the course in his stead. She must not be over fifty years of age. After completion of the course women trainees are considered active members of the PAZ for surveillance of buildings. The course covers the following subject matter:
  - a. First Aid;
  - b. Defense against poison gases and combatting of fire; and
  - c. Rules to be followed for effective evacuation. No precautionary measures are being taken against atomic bomb attack.
2. The headquarters command of a VOOV battalion (Air observation and communication intelligence?) or Vazduhoplovno Osmatranje Obavestanje Veza, is stationed in Zagreb in the Salata quarter. One company of the battalion is housed in three barracks in Salata, while a second company is stationed at Ljubljana. The apparatus and measuring instruments employed by these units are of Soviet manufacture, the radio apparatus are United States models, and the telephones are of German manufacture. Two anti-aircraft regiments which belong to an anti-aircraft division are likewise stationed in Zagreb. The headquarters command of this anti-aircraft division is assumed to be in Zagreb. One anti-aircraft regiment is housed in barracks on Selska Road, and the other in Maksimirska Street. The title of the regiment in Selska Road is not known, but the regimental strength and armaments appear to correspond with those of the 159 Anti-aircraft Regiment, headquarters Zagreb.

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3. The 159 Anti-aircraft Regiment whose headquarters command and units are housed in barracks near the railroad station in Red Army Street, [REDACTED] is commanded by Major Brislin. The chief of staff of the regiment is Capt. Stefanovic. The regiment, the total strength of which is 850 men, has the following units: 50X1-HUM
- a. Three battalions, each battalion comprising three batteries and a headquarters command;
  - b. Battery command;
  - c. Spot light or signal company;
  - d. Rear echelon command;
  - e. Transportation platoon;
  - f. Observation platoon; and
  - g. Radio-telegraphers platoon.
4. The 159 Anti-aircraft Regiment is equipped with approximately sixty cannons of which one third are heavy pieces. [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] The armaments are described as follows:
- a. Anti-aircraft cannon of Soviet manufacture - 8.5 centimeters caliber;
  - b. Anti-aircraft cannon [REDACTED] - 8.8 centimeters caliber; 50X1-HUM
  - c. Anti-aircraft cannon of Soviet manufacture - 3.7 centimeters caliber, light; and
  - d. Anti-aircraft cannon, [REDACTED] - 2 centimeters caliber.

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